issued only after getting these translated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Press Information Bureau has a well-established Hindi Unit manned by Information Officers and Assitant Information Officers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) About 72% of the total releases i.e., about 2,500.

(d) Most of the Hindi releases are translated from releases originally issued in English. But Hindi Unit also issues original releases and special articles in Hindi.

Criteria for Approving Programmes on Doordarshan

647. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROACASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for approving programmes under sponsored programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) the number of T.V. serials received for approval by the Government during the last two year under sponsored programmes; and

(c) the reasons for delay in approving / rejecting these programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Doordarshan endeavours to approve programmes which propagate high social values combined with whole-some entertainment. particular preference is given to programmes which.

(i) promote good socio-cultural values;

(ii) seek to inculcate in the viewers equal respect for different religions, languages, schools of thought, cultures etc,; promote national integration and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India;

(iii) project fairly, the rich cultural diversity of the country;

(iv) promote the welfare of the weaker sections of the society and reflect the life of the people of rural India;

(v) promote healthy respect for the place of women in our society and highlight the aspirations and problems of youth; and

(vi) seek to promote a scientific temper amongst the viewers.

(b) According to Doordarshan, they received, in all, 3545 proposals for sponsored programmes against their invitation of October, 1990.

(c) The delay is mainly on account of the large number of proposals received and the time taken to evaluate them in a comprehensive and equitable manner.

[*English*]

Electronic Exchanges in Maharashtra

648. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan for installation of S.T.D. and electronic exchanges in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri Districts and Maharashtra along with the details of equipment released as per plan;

(b) whether Very High Frequency facility is being installed along with the electronic exchanges; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?